

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated April 21, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-7, 11-14, 26-29.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Claims 8-10 have not been assigned to a particular claim group. In addition, claims 26-29 have been assigned to two groups: Group I and Group II. Applicants assume that claims 26-29 are part of Group I, which has been elected.

Claims in groups III and IV should be examined together along with claims 50-60. For example, independent claim 50, claim 61 and claim 77 generally relate to receiving some form of audio (e.g., music or other audio signal), processing the audio to derive data from it (e.g., a watermark, an identifier, hidden data, etc.), and performing further processing on the derived data.

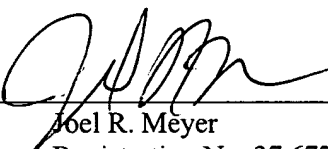
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